

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1.(Amended) A locking cover for a component rack containing electronic components, comprising:

at least one lock mechanism mounted within said locking cover, wherein said lock mechanism includes a sliding security plate that extends beyond one end of said locking cover when in a locked position to prevent access to at least one of the electronic components; and

a track for slidably supporting the sliding security plate.

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11.(Amended) A locking system for a component rack containing electronic components, comprising:

at least one tray slidably mounted within the component rack;

at least one fastener removably anchoring said at least one tray to said component rack in a retracted position;

a cover on a portion of said at least one tray;

at least one lock mechanism mounted within said cover; and

a sliding security plate that is extendable to block access to said at least one fastener and to block access to the electronic components.

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19.(Amended) A locking system for a component rack containing electronic components said component rack including, a tray slidably mounted within said component rack containing at least one of the electronic components, said tray anchored to said component rack in a closed position by at least one fastener, such that access to said tray and the at least one electronic component on the tray requires access to and removal of said at least one fastener, said locking system comprising:

a cover mounted to said tray;

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a locking mechanism which prevents access through said access port to said at least one fastener while in a locked position, and allows access through said access port to said fastener while in an unlocked position.

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32.(Amended) A method of securing a tray within a component rack containing electronic components, comprising the steps of:

sliding said tray into a closed position within said component rack;

providing a cover for said tray;

sliding a security plate within said cover until said security plate covers and

inhibits access to an access aperture leading to at least one fastener

anchoring said tray into said component rack; and

activating a locking mechanism located within said cover of said tray and coupled to said security plate, to lock said security plate in place.
